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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

This office action is in response to Amendment filed on February 4, 2003.

Claims 11-27 are presented for examination including new additional claims 11-27.

Newly submitted claims 11-27 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Claims 11-27 are drawn to the mask selection option for an integrated circuit memory.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 21-51 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

The amendment filed on February 4, 2003 canceling all claims drawn to the original invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the original invention because the new added claims are different from the invention originally claimed.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.



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